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From The Prez!

By Rick Rehm President TCSRA



Live Scan To Night!!!

The Live Scan people will be at our membership meeting tonight! Make sure that you attend so that you can get the scan done for the discounted price of \$15.00. You are required to have the scan done if you are planning to work youth matches.

This is a one time deal, you have I done once and then you don't have to worry about it again. Any of the youth UNDER 18 do not have to get it done until you turn 18. Lets have a large turn out so we are ready to cover all of the youth matches. If you do not get your scan competed at the meeting you will have to get it somewhere else at a substantially larger price. Please arrive on time so we can get started and get the scan process moving. You will pay Lewis the \$15.00 and the association will write one check to the Live Scan people. See you at the meeting!!

Training Time

By Jeremy Swan, TCSRA Training Officer

June Update!!!

I cannot believe it is already June. This is the month of kid's graduation and the start of the summer soccer season. The summer is a busy time for us. We have a lot of tournaments going on and other opportunities for referees.

For our youth referees, Cal South is offering the John Harper Youth Referee Camp. For a small amount of \$75.00, you get 3 days of instruction/mentoring with fellow youth referees at Cal Poly Pomona. Please let myself or Bob know if you are interested in attending the camp. There is still room available for the camp.

Additionally, there are entry level clinics going on almost every weekend. If you have friends that are interested in refereeing or you are possibly not registered yet for this year, please make sure to attend a course. The listing of clinics can be found on www.calsouth.com and www.casreferee.com.

Please take the time to read the latest MEMORANDUM from the Federation.

MEMORANDUM 2009

UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.

The 123rd Annual General Meeting of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) took place in Northern Ireland on 28 February 2009. The amendments to the Laws of the Game approved at this meeting and the various instructions and directives issued are listed below.

Amendments to the Laws of the Game and Decisions of the Board

1. Law 1 -- The Field of Play

Field Surface

Current Text

Matches may be played on natural or artificial surfaces, according to the rules of the competition.

The color of artificial surfaces must be green.

Where artificial surfaces are used in either competition matches between representative teams of member associations affiliated to FIFA or international club competition matches, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for Artificial Turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard, unless special dispensation is given by FIFA.

New Text

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The color of artificial surfaces must be green.

Where artificial surfaces are used in either competition matches between representative teams of member associations affiliated to FIFA or international club competition matches, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for **Football Turf** or the International Artificial Turf Standard, unless special dispensation is given by FIFA.

USSF Advice to Referees: The above change, which only replaces the phrase "Artificial Turf" with "Football Turf," is solely for the purpose of consistency.

2. Law 11 – Offside

Interpretations of the Laws of the Game and Guidelines for Referees

Current Text

When an offside offense occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team mates.

If a defending player steps behind his own goal line in order to place an opponent in an offside position, the referee must allow play to continue and caution the defender for deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission when the ball is next out of play.

New Text

When an offside offense occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team mates.

Any defending player leaving the field of play for any reason without the referee's permission shall be construed to be on his own goal line or touch line for the purposes of offside until the next stoppage of play. If the player leaves the field of play deliberately, he must be cautioned when the ball is next out of play.

USSF Advice to Referees: The new text more explicitly describes how referees are to consider the location of a defender off the field when deciding if an attacker is or is not in an offside position. A defender who is off the field with the referee's permission (and thus cannot freely return to the field) is not included in determining where the last and second to last defenders are located. A defender whose position off the field was not with the permission of or at the direction of the referee is deemed to be on the goal line or touch line closest to where the defender left the field and must therefore be considered as though still on the field. Furthermore, if the departure from the field is "deliberate," (i.e., other than during the normal course of play), the defender is to be cautioned for the misconduct.

3. Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match or Home-And-Away

Kicks from the Penalty Mark

Current Text

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, they must reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded.

New Text

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, they must reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. **Any player thus excluded may not participate in kicks from the penalty mark.**

USSF Advice to Referees: The new final sentence is intended only to emphasize that any player(s) excluded as a result of the need for a team to "reduce to equate" have ceased to be eligible to participate in any way in kicks from the mark. In practical terms, this means that they are no longer permitted to be on the field with those players who are eligible to kick. They are, of course, still under the authority of the referee.

4. The Technical Area

Current Text

- only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions and he must return to his position after giving these instructions
- the coach and other officials must remain within its confines except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player
- the coach and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner

New Text

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- the coach and other officials must remain within its confines except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player
- the coach and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner

USSF Advice to Referees: The above change removes the requirement that anyone giving tactical instructions from within the technical area (usually by moving off the bench toward the front of the technical area) must afterward return to the bench.

Reminder to referees

Referees are reminded that Law 5 states that the referee must stop the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured.

USSF Advice to Referees: This statement is intended to reinforce a guideline issued earlier by both the International Board and USSF that the practice of a team kicking the ball off the field to stop play when there is an apparent injury on the field detracts from the responsibility of the referee under Law 5 to assess the injury and to stop play only if, in the opinion of the referee, the injury is serious. Referees are therefore advised to be seen quickly and publicly considering the status of any player seeming to be injured and clearly deciding whether or not the situation merits a stoppage of play. The referee must control this decision as much as possible.



From The Assignor

By Bob Karmann USSF Assignor

Summer tournaments come slow



Due to the economy, our tournament sub-contracting assignments might not come until Labor Day weekend. I have been told by a number of referee associations and tournament directors that many teams are just not going to tournaments this summer. I will update you via e-mail as assignments become available. Please make sure that I have your current e-mail address so you won't miss a notification.

Those seeking upgrade need to notify me right away. I will set you up with assignments so you can fulfill your upgrade requirements. I have been told by our SYRA that all efforts to meet the requests for game assignments for upgrade will be honored as best as he can help in this area.

I have been talking to various club directors and members of the Coast BOD's. There will be more games (due to increased teams) in our area and an increase in referee fees for this coming fall season. This should make up for the lack of games this summer. Please get as many home projects done as possible so you all can be available for what looks like a very busy fall schedule.

Remember to check your e-mail often so you won't miss out on any assignments coming our way this summer.

Youth Camp Update

I want to welcome all of you to yet another year of the John Harper Youth Camp. This year will be a little different as the camp will start on Friday, July 17th, around 2pm (instead of Thursday) allowing more of our youth to attend without missing summer school. The camp will end around noon on Sunday, July 19th. We have increased the maximum number of attendees to 40 for this year. We are also asking for a \$75 non-refundable deposit to insure we have room for only those truly interested in attending. We will have games for the attendees to officiate while those not officiating will be with mentors going over key issues. There will be classroom instruction throughout the camp as well. Their room/food will be provided by Cal Poly University. We hope that you send your best youth so we can enhance the youth referees of our associations to another level. Please e-mail me with any questions or concerns. Thanks, Bob

2009 Tournaments & Important Events

Mark your Calendars

Irvine Winter Classic	January 10 & 11
Legends Cup	January 17 & 18
DBWV Shootout (Winter)	January 24 & 25
Irvine Spring Classic	March 14 & 15
DBWV Shootout at the Ranch	March 20, 21, 22
Irvine Memorial Classic	May 23 & 24
Legends Classic	June (date to come)
Irvine Summer Classic	June 20 & 21 and 27 & 28
Wolfpack Invitational	July 11 & 12
Slammer's Futbol Classic	July (date to come)
Oaks Classic	August 1 & 2
Pats Cup	(date to come)
Capistrano Cup	(date to come)
West Coast Futbol Classic	August 16 & 27
Orange County Kickoff Classic	August 22 & 23
Blues Cup	August 30 & Sept. 1

**The Monthly Membership Meeting Is
Thursday June 11th**

At 7:30 P.M.

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